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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: DOJ MEETING WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
OFFICIALS -

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1. JUSTICE (DOJ) OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN COMMERCE SECTION
OF ANTITRUST DIVISION MET WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY LEGAL
COUNSELOR RICHARD ST. JOHN AND THIRD SECRETARY DAVID MASON
MARCH 14. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION
OF INTERNATIONAL URANIUM INDUSTRY WILL CONTINUE TO A CON-
CLUSION (GRAND JURY EXPIRES MAY 1978). SO FAR, ONLY U.S.
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CORPORATIONS HAD BEEN SUBPOENAED. NO BORDER WATCH HAD
BEEN POSTED ON FOREIGNERS, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOTED THAT
TRAVEL TO U.S. OF AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN INVOLVED IN
URANIUM HAD DECLINED RECENTLY, APPARENTLY IN ANTICIPATION
OF THIS LIKELIHOOD. JUSTICE WOULD ONLY TAKE THESE STEPS
RELUCTANTLY. -

2. DOJ SPOKESMAN ROSENTHAL SUGGESTED THAT AUSTRALIAN INSISTENCE ON BLOCKING GRAND JURY COULD LEAD TO CONFRONTATION. HE ASKED IF SOME FORM OF COOPERATION COULD BE

WORKED OUT SO THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE PERTINENT DOCUMENTS IN AUSTRALIA COULD BE EXAMINED BY JUSTICE IN CONFORMITY WITH TERMS OF THE NEW LAW. A LARGE AMOUNT OF DOCUMENTATION HAD ALREADY BEEN AMASSED BUT A SMALL PROPORTION OF RESTRICTED DOCUMENTS MAY PROVE TO BE HELPFUL IN FILLING IN THE EXISTING BLANKS IN THE CASE. IF THESE ARE NOT PROVIDED, EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE MIGHT ALSO BE EXCLUDED FROM TRIAL. THIS WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE.

3. ST. JOHN SAID HE WOULD REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AND COULD ONLY REPLY TO DOJ REQUEST AT A LATER DATE.
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